(c) and (d) Mobile telephone sets are being purchased by the consumers. However, Telephone sets for new wire line and WLL connections are being provided after inspection by the quality and assurance wing of BSNL.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) and (d) above.

Communication services in Orissa

3523. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that communication services in Orissa are in bad condition and their expansion is taking place at a very slow pace;

(b) the efforts made by Government till date during the last two years to provide communication services at a fast speed in the State and what is the outcome thereof;

(c) by when Orissa is likely to be brought under cent-per cent communication services; and

(d) the reasons for not achieving this target till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT) : (a) Sir, the telephone and mobile services provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Orissa are mostly meeting with Quality of Service (QoS) parameters. The QoS provided by BSNL in Orissa is comparable to those rendered by private companies.

(b) to (d) The expansion of BSNL's telecom network in Orissa is being progressively done as per the market requirements. Details are given below :-

Sl.No.	Parameter	Achievement (2007-08)	Achievement (2008-09)
1.	Landline Capacity	2284	816
2.	WLL Capacity	48750	9500
3.	GSM Mobile Capacity	186906	573700
4.	Broadband Capacity	66,696 Ports	27,712 Ports

Moreover, to provide communications services at a fast speed in Orissa State, BSNL has made the following plans during the current financial year 2009-10:

(i) 3.87 Lakh lines capacity addition with 495 numbers of Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs).

(ii) 1 Lakh lines capacity addition with Mobile Switching Centre (MSC) based 145 numbers of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) BTSs.

(iii) Replacement of 124 numbers of old WLL BTs by new MSC based WLL BTSs.

(iv) Replacement of 13 number of Cor-Dect technology BTSs by new MSC based WLL BTSs.